

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the captioned application. In the present response, Claims 1, 26 and 27 have been amended, and support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification and figures of the application.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 in view of a United States patent to Alderman (U.S. Pat. No. 2,454,585). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1-27 in view of Alderman for at least the following reasons:

Alderman appears to teach a “device which is expressly designed to forcibly circulate a given amount of oil and solvent in the lubricating systems of internal combustion engines.” (Alderman, col. 1, lines 1-4). The Examiner notes that, “[a] plurality (at least two) of reservoirs 1 and 8 are shown [in Alderman],” but applicant submits that this interpretation of Alderman is not correct, especially when contrasted with the claims of the present application.

Applicant submits that the tank 1 and the solvent-containing reservoir 8 of Alderman are effectively a single unit, and do not together represent different reservoirs containing different types of fluid, particularly with regard to how the reservoir 8 and tank 1 are employed in association with an internal combustion engine. The following portion of Alderman is relevant to this point (See col. 3, lines 4-18):

The flushing machine reservoir 8 is filled with solvent oil. With valve 24 closed and valves 15 and 16 and 10 open, and with hose 21 run back to reservoir 8 (see Fig. 3), motor 20 drives gear pump 18, pumping oil from reservoir 8 through valve 16 through small filter 14, through valve 15 to the inlet 12 of gear pump 18. It is then pumped through outlet 13 into filter tank 1, through filter element 2, filter outlet tube 8, valve 10, hose 21 and then back to reservoir 8. During the above circulation vent 3a is opened to permit the escape of air. When the filter is completely primed, vent 3a is closed and enough solvent added to reservoir 8 to bring the oil level to the top of gauge 9. The device is now ready for operation.

As seen in the above excerpt from Alderman, once the tank 1 and reservoir 8 of Alderman are both properly filled or “primed” with solvent oil, then “the *device* is now ready for operation” (see col. 3, line 18 - emphasis added) as a single unit to be applied to an engine to be serviced (note that the components of the engine are not shown in the figures of Alderman). Alderman seems to teach and disclose using only one “type” of fluid, which is the solvent oil contained in both the tank 1 and the reservoir 8.

In contrast, the claims of the present application recite methods including, among other elements, “wherein said first reservoir includes a fluid of a type which is different from a type of a fluid of said additional reservoir.” Clearly, Alderman does not employ or possess, “a fluid process within a machine having a fluid system including at least two reservoirs of different types of fluids” as recited in the present claims (See, e.g., amended Claims 1, 26 and 27). In addition, fluid operations performed in accordance with the teachings of Alderman do not allow for, among other elements, evacuation and/or refill of different types of fluids from/to different reservoirs on the same machine.

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For at least the reasons stated above, allowance is respectfully requested for all currently pending claims of the captioned application. Any questions or outstanding issues associated with the present response are invited to the attention of applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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